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Dear Prof. Lederberg:

You say, in the Times today (New York, not Palo Alto),
"Assertions about what will never be possible are not logically
tenable. I don't know what's impossible."

I do.

Among other things:

1. It is, and will always be, impossible to reconcile
Man's finiteness with the infinity of the universe.
2. It is, and will always be, impossible to say why there
is something rather than nothing.
3. It is, and will always be, impossible to explain the
meaning of existence.
4. It is, and will always be, impossible to know the po-
sition and momentum of every particle in the universe together
with the laws of motion governing such particles in order to
be able to predict all subsequent states of the universe.

And all of these assertions are logically tenable, indeed,
they're scientifically "proveable."

Insofar as human life is concerned:

1. Man is a mutant, an evolutionary failure.
2. Human life can best be described as a terminal illness.
3. Procreation is the only sin.

These are my own conclusions, but it's people such as
yourself that have convinced me of their validity.

Yours truly,

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